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Memories in the Making

The Georgetown Early Learning Project has been studying learning and memory formation in infants and toddlers for the past 10 years. Its surprising findings reveal how babies learn from live interactions as well as from different media sources, such as books, television and even touch-screens. You can sign up to participate in the Early Learning Project and find out more about how your little ones are learning from their surroundings. Studies take place in your home whenever is best for you, so participating is hassle-free. Plus, all studies are presented as fun games, so your baby will enjoy it too! Check out past studies or sign up to receive more information at elp.georgetown.edu.



Inspired Students

Washington Christian Academy in Olney is dedicated to providing an excellent education and inspiring the life of each uniquely gifted child. Its rigorous curriculum empowers students to succeed academically, but its teachers recognize students are more than just minds. Students are surrounded by teachers who are both experts in their subjects and engaged actively and creatively with the world. Their hope is that each student leaves WCA with courage for adventures, the desire to pursue excellence, and above all, a reverence for Christ. 240-390-0429, kflaming@washingtonchristian.org, washingtonchristian.org.



Be Social Kids

Ever wonder how you can help your child develop friendships? Many children experience difficulty navigating their social world. Speech language pathologists Susan M. Abrams M.A., CCC-SLP and Randi Rosenblatt, M.A., CCC-SLP of Be Social Kids (www.beso-socialkids.com) offer innovative social thinking groups for children and teens in Rockville. Enroll in their dynamic parent workshops or join a new listserv specifically designed for parents of children with social challenges at groups.yahoo.com/group/BeSocialKids.



National Geographic Kids Contest

National Geographic is looking for tomorrow's great explorers to take part in its 2012 National Geographic Kids Hands-On Explorer Challenge. Fifteen explorers between the ages of 9 and 14 will embark on a 10-day expedition through Montana with National Geographic and local experts as their guides. To enter, kids must write an essay no longer than 300 words on how they explore their world and what about their exploration excites them and take a photograph of what, where or how they explore the subject of their essay. For full details, visit kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/contests/explorer-trip-2012.



Know Your Poison Center's Phone Number

Quick action can save a life, especially when it comes to possible poisoning of a child. Have the National Capital Poison Center phone number programmed into your cell phone or speed dial in case you find your 2-year-old with an open bottle of medicine, your teenager overdoses or you think someone has been poisoned. The number to know is 1-800-222-1222, and the operators at the center can provide life-saving information for everything from medication errors to product misuse. poison.org.